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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

KIRIMURA et al.

Art Unit: 1765

Application No.: 09/822,414

Examiner: M. Song

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For: FILM FORMING APPARATUS AND METHOD OF FORMING A CRYSTALLINE
SILICON FILM

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 18, 2002

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Sir:

In reply to the outstanding Office Action dated September 18, 2002, please
amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 16, 17 and 30 as follows:

16. (Amended) A crystalline silicon film forming method comprising the steps
of:

preparing a film forming apparatus having a single silicon film forming vacuum
chamber for forming a crystalline silicon film on a substrate, and provided with a film
forming device for forming a pre-film of the crystalline silicon film on a target surface of
said substrate, and an energy beam irradiating device for irradiating said pre-film with
an energy beam for crystallizing said pre-film;